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SUBJECT: FRG PROTECTION OF US INTERESTS IN UGANDA

REFS: (A) BONN 15905; (B) STATE 216671

1. TEXT OF EMBASSY NOTE (REFTEL B) SEEMS JUST RIGHT TO ME, EXCEPT FOR ONE THING. IN INTEREST OF TIDINESS SHOULD WE NOT BE INFORMING GOU FOREIGN MINISTRY OF DATE BY WHICH ALL EMBASSY PERSONNEL WILL HAVE DEPARTED UGANDA AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF ASSUMPTION OF USG INTERESTS IN UGANDA BY FRG EMBASSY? PERHAPS IF DEPT DOES NOT WISH TO INCLUDE THAT IN NOTE, I COULD DO IT ORALLY WHEN PRESENTING NOTE AT FON MIN. MY INTENTION IS TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT WITH FONMIN ONDOGA ON NOVEMBER 9, PRESENT NOTE TO HIM (OR TO WHOMEVER I CAN SEE THAT DAY), AND TO DEPART THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE TENTH, WHEN FRG PROTECTION WILL COMMENCE.

2. IN MY OPINION AMBASSADOR KOPF AND THE FRG FON OFF ARE TRYING TO BE OVERLY SUBTLE WITH THEIR "TWO-STEP" SCENARIO, IF IT IS GENERAL AMIN'S REACTION THEY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT. HE

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IS NOT A SOPHISTICATED MAN, UNDERSTANDS VERY LITTLE ABBUT DIPLO-

MACY, BUT IN MY EXPERIENCE THE BEST WAY TO DEAL WITH HIM IS TO BE ABSOLUTELY STRAIGHTFORWARD, CANDID, LAY IT ON THE LINE. HE SAYS THAT'S WHAT HE LIKES AND I BELIEVE HE DOES. THERE IS NO POINT PRETENDING THAT OUR REQUEST TO FRG TO ACT AS PROTECTING POWER WAS SOMETHING LIKE AN AFTERTHOUGHT, TO BE ARRANGED AFTER WE PULLED OUT. I BELIEVE IT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT THAT GOU UNDERSTAND WE HAVE ARRANGED FOR A PROTECTING POWER PRIOR TO OUR DEPARTURE.

3. WOULD NOT THE STATEMENT IN THE TEXT GIVEN IN REF (B) THAT QUOTE THE USG INTENDS TO ENTRUST THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FRG WITH THE PROTECTION OF ITS INTERESTS AND PROPERTY IN UGANDA UNQUOTE SATISFY THE FRG DESIRE THAT STEP ONE BE A US NOTE TO GOU ANNOUNCING CLOSING OF EMBASSY AND "REQUEST" TO FRG TO ASSUME PROTECTION (AS EXPLAINED IN REF A)? STEP TWO COULD THEN BE A NOTE FROM THE FRG EMBASSY TO THE GOU FON MIN, DATED AND DELIVERED ON NOVEMBER 12, FOR EXAMPLE, STATING THAT EFFECTIVE ON NOVEMBER 10 THE FRG EMBASSY IN KAMPALA HAD ASSUMED PROTECTION OF USG INTERESTS IN UGANDA AT THE REQUEST OF THE USG.

4. STATE 217436 JUST RECEIVED. ABOVE MAY NO LONGER BE HELPFUL BUT AM SENDING IT ANYWAY.
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